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Arizona Fraudulent Identification Task Force takes down another fraudulent identification operation *Two people facing numerous charges following arrests*

On September 25, 2008, at 12:09 p.m., squads with the Arizona Fraudulent Identification Task Force (AFIT) served a search warrant at 2420 W. Glenrosa Apt. 15. This followed a two-week investigation. AFIT investigators arrested one suspect as he left the apartment. As the AFIT squads entered the residence, a second suspect attempted to avoid arrest by fleeing out the back door. He was taken into custody by detectives.

During the search of the residence, AFIT investigators discovered a fraudulent identification manufacturing location and seized three identification card makers in addition to printers, scanners, software, computers, and fraudulent documents ready for delivery. Other items seized included 1,500 pieces of pre-printed identification card stock for various Mexican state driver's licenses, 25 pre-printed pieces of Arizona identification card stock and a laminator.

Arrested: Americo Perez Bamaca, 19, Guatemalan National

Jesus Cornelio Monroy-Cruz , 44, Mexican National

Charges: Manufacturing Fraudulent Identification
Taking the Identity of Another
Conducting a Criminal Enterprise
Forgery
Trafficking in stolen identity

"These arrests continue to show the significance of the problem we're facing with those who try to profit from illegal immigration. My congratulations to the AFIT team for the hard work that led to this seizure and took down this fraudulent I.D. operation," said Roger Vanderpool, director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

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